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SENATE BILL

No. 1926

Introduced by Senator Speier

February 24, 2000

An act to add Section 14102 to the Government Code, relating to transportation, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1926, as amended, Speier. Agricultural workers: transportation.

Existing law requires the Department of Transportation (*hereafter the department*) to coordinate and develop transportation research projects of statewide interest and to exercise all other functions, powers, and duties that are provided for by law.

This bill would require the department to provide a grant of not more than \$300,000 to any local public transportation agency that submits a proposal that is approved by the department to establish within the agency's jurisdiction a program that provides (1) a safe means of transporting agricultural laborers to and from work, including, but not limited to, fields and processing plants; (2) enhanced services for transporting persons to and from medical providers; and (3) other services incidental to the services provided under (1) and (2) above and approved by the local public transportation agency.

The bill would require the department, for any county in which the Department of the California Highway Patrol is conducting intensive law enforcement efforts to reduce the incidence of vehicle accidents involving agricultural laborers, to notify all county transit agencies regarding the availability of funds under this provision.

The bill would require the department to require certain pertinent information to be attached to any application for a grant awarded under ~~this section~~ *these provisions*.

~~The bill would require any public transportation agency that receives a grant under these provisions to report to the Legislature not later than July 1, 2002, regarding the status of the program.~~

The bill would appropriate \$2,100,000 from the General Fund to the department for the purpose of funding the grant program.

The bill would authorize the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency to establish a program to provide services similar to the ones specified above within the county, and would appropriate \$300,000 from the General Fund to that agency for the purpose of establishing and operating the program. ~~The bill would require the agency to report to the Legislature not later than July 1, 2002, regarding the status of the program.~~

The bill would require the department to develop guidelines for the preparation of a report by each grant recipient and by the agency evaluating the operation and results of the program, and would require each grant recipient and the agency to prepare and submit those reports to the department not later than July 1, 2002. The department would be required to incorporate the information provided by the grant recipients and the agency into a report that the department would be required to submit to the Legislature not later than January 1, 2003.

Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. (a) The Kings County Area Public Transit Agency may establish a program to provide all of the following within the county:

(1) A safe means of transporting agricultural laborers to and from work, including, but not limited to, fields and processing plants, *which shall be the primary purpose of the transportation program.*

(2) Enhanced services for transporting persons to and from medical providers.

(3) Other services incidental to the services provided under paragraphs (1) and (2) and approved by the governing board of the agency.

~~(b) The agency shall report to the Legislature not later than July 1, 2002, regarding the status of the program.~~

(b) The Department of Transportation shall develop guidelines for the preparation of a report by the agency that evaluates the operation and results of the program. The agency shall prepare and submit that report to the department not later than July 1, 2002. The department shall incorporate the information provided by the agency under this subdivision into the report submitted to the Legislature by the department under subdivision (e) of Section 14102 of the Government Code.

SEC. 2. Section 14102 is added to the Government Code, to read:

14102. (a) The department shall award a grant of not more than three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to any local public transportation agency that submits a proposal that is approved by the department to establish within the agency's jurisdiction a program that provides all of the following:

(1) A safe means of transporting agricultural laborers to and from work, including, but not limited to, fields and processing plants, *which shall be the primary purpose of the transportation program.*

(2) Enhanced services for transporting persons to and from medical providers.

1 (3) Other services incidental to the services provided
2 under paragraphs (1) and (2) and approved by the local
3 public transportation agency.

4 (b) For any county in which the Department of the
5 California Highway Patrol is conducting intensive law
6 enforcement efforts to reduce the incidence of vehicle
7 accidents involving agricultural laborers, the
8 Department of Transportation shall notify all county
9 transit agencies regarding the availability of funds under
10 this section.

11 (c) The department shall require all of the following
12 to be attached to any application for a grant awarded
13 under this section:

14 (1) Anticipated project costs and proposed funding.

15 (2) Anticipated ridership.

16 (3) A commitment to operate all vehicles in
17 compliance with all applicable laws.

18 (4) A commitment by the public transportation
19 agency to manage the program itself instead of
20 delegating that management to another entity.

21 (5) A demonstration of need, evidenced by data, if
22 available, from the Department of the California
23 Highway Patrol indicating that vehicles currently
24 transporting agricultural workers in the program area are
25 often unsafe and that, therefore, appropriate public
26 transportation services need to be established.

27 ~~(d) Any public transportation agency that receives a~~
28 ~~grant under this section shall report to the Legislature not~~
29 ~~later than July 1, 2002, regarding the status of the~~
30 ~~program.~~

31 *(d) The department shall develop guidelines for the*
32 *preparation of a report by each grant recipient that*
33 *evaluates the operation and results of the program. Each*
34 *grant recipient shall prepare and submit that report to*
35 *the department not later than July 1, 2002. The*
36 *department shall incorporate the information provided*
37 *by the grant recipients under this subdivision into the*
38 *report submitted to the Legislature pursuant to*
39 *subdivision (e).*

1 (e) *The department shall prepare a report evaluating*
2 *the operations and results of the agriculture laborer*
3 *transportation programs developed under this section*
4 *and under Section 1 of the act that added this section to*
5 *the Government Code during the 1999–2000 Regular*
6 *Session and shall submit that report to the Legislature not*
7 *later than January 1, 2003.*

8 SEC. 3. The following sums are hereby appropriated
9 from the General Fund to the Controller for allocations
10 to the following entities for the following purposes:

11 (a) To the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency,
12 the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for
13 the purpose of establishing and operating the program
14 authorized under Section 1 of this act.

15 (b) To the Department of Transportation, the sum of
16 two million one hundred thousand dollars (\$2,100,000) for
17 the purpose of funding the grant program required under
18 Section 2 of this act.

